	1,997	1,992	1,987
Farms	474	400	504
Number	471	482	564
Average size (cores)	535,053	552,707	599,153
Average size (acres)	1,136 760	1,147 N	1,062 N
Median size (acres)	760	IN	IN
Estimated market value average per fa			
Land/buildings (dollars)	505,631	423,768	353,555
Machinery/equip (dollars)	108,095	99,220	85,410
Cropland (acres)			
Total	440,994	470,529	503,068
Harvested	337,421	361,224	341,387
Irrigated	D	D	D
Agricultural products sold - market val	ue		
(\$1,000)	36,662	48,272	34,315
(dollars avg. per farm)	77,838	100,149	60,843
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per	farm		
(dollars average)	1,027	26,511	7,251
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	12,537	13,206	12,808
Beef cows	5,892	6,525	6,234
Milk cows	245	886	1,119
Hogs and pigs	D	1,848	1,478
Sheep and lambs	942	3,729	1,889
Layers 13 wks or/older	83	482	285
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	0	D
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Corn, grain or seed	2,642	1,102	2,600
Corn, silage or green chop	1,605	1,949	1,170
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	Ň	N
Wheat	161,270	218,394	189,292
Barley	73,900	64,882	63,579
Oats	2,792	4,007	4,731
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	56,673	48,831	47,176
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	N	N	N
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar Sugarcane for sugar	N N	N N	N N
Peanuts for nuts	N N	N N	N N
Hay-alfalfa	17,752	21,192	20,538
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Vegetables	k I	K I	k.i
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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Orchards

Number of farms	N	N	Ν
Acreage	N	N	N

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture